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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An elevator car having a car door movable for opening and closing an opening in a wall of the elevator car and a device for sealing a gap between the car door and the car wall comprising:

a groove formed in a surface of one of the elevator car door and the elevator car wall;
a sealing strip mounted in said groove and having a at least two movable wall ~~portion~~
portions for sealing the gap; and

actuator means for selectively moving said wall ~~portion~~ portions across the gap and into contact with another one of the car door and the car wall whereby the gap is sealed, wherein said sealing strip includes an upper part continuously sealing said gap at opposite sides and a top of said car door and a separate lower part sealing said gap between a bottom of said car door and a threshold of the elevator car.

22. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall ~~portion~~ portions.

23. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 22 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall ~~portion~~ portions.

24. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

25. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said wall ~~portion~~ does portions do not extend out of said groove when said sealing strip is in a relieved state.

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26. (Currently Amended) An elevator car comprising:

a car wall having a door opening formed therein;

a car door spaced from said car wall by a gap and being movably attached to the car for opening and closing said door opening;

a sealing strip mounted in a groove formed in a surface of said car wall, said sealing strip having a movable wall portion facing said gap and at least two other movable wall portions; and

actuator means for selectively moving said wall ~~portion~~ portions across said gap to seal said gap, wherein said sealing strip includes an upper part continuously sealing said gap at opposite sides and a top of said car door and a separate lower part sealing said gap between a bottom of said car door and a threshold of the elevator car.

27. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall ~~portion~~ portions.

28. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 27 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall ~~portion~~ portions.

29. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 27 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

Claim 30 (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said wall ~~portion~~ does portions do not extend out of said groove when said sealing strip is in a relieved state.

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32. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said groove has a generally square profile with opposed side walls and a bottom wall and said sealing strip contacts said side walls and said bottom wall when said wall ~~portion seals~~ portions seal said gap.

33. (Currently Amended) An elevator car having a car door movable for opening and closing an opening in a wall of the elevator car and a device for sealing a gap between the car door and the car wall comprising:

a groove formed in a surface of one of the car door and the car wall;

a sealing strip mounted in said groove and having a at least two movable wall ~~portion~~ portions for sealing the gap, said movable wall ~~portion~~ portions being positioned in said groove; and

actuator means for selectively moving said wall portion out of said groove, across the gap and into contact with another one of the car door and the car wall whereby the gap is sealed, and wherein said groove is formed in the surface of the car wall, said sealing strip includes an upper part continuously sealing said gap at opposite sides and a top of the car door and a separate lower part sealing said gap between a bottom of the car door and a threshold of the elevator car.

34. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall ~~portion~~ portions.

35. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall ~~portion~~ portions.

36. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

37. (Currently Amended) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said groove has a generally square profile with opposed side walls and a bottom wall and said sealing strip contacts said side walls and said bottom wall when said wall ~~portion seals~~ portions seal the gap.

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